Lot Access off Peoria Street is Withdrawn

Council Member Riggenbach announced that Jeff Kolbus of ReMax Realty had withdrawn his request for lot access off Peoria Street. He said Mr. Kolbus held a public meeting and heard the concerns of the neighborhood and since had withdrawn his request. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Kolbus for listening to the neighborhood.

East Bluff Special Service Area

Council Member Riggenbach said it was time to begin the process for a new Special Service Area in the East Bluff. He said the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Service SSA would be expiring at the end of 2019 and had already had the two additional extensions that were provided for in the Ordinance. He said there was still a strong desire to have an SSA in that area. He remarked on the need to start the process in order to implement another SSA.

Fireworks Regulation

At the request of Council Member Riggenbach, Chief Marion provided an overview on the process initiated to regulate illegal fireworks during the Fourth of July. He remarked on the importance of educating the public, which began May 31, 2019, through social media and press releases. He said examples of illegal fireworks were posted on the Police Department's Facebook Page. He said door hangers would be placed on houses and that the maximum number of Police Officers would be working on the Fourth of July. He said two school Resource Officers had been assigned to the Neighborhood Services Unit to address calls received. He said there would be a strong enforcement action.

RING Security Doorbells

Council Member Montelongo said Police Chief Marion had previously brought forward a Memorandum of Understanding with RING, a security system for homes. He said he recently followed up with RING to bring forward a new proposal wherein the system would be sold to Peoria residents at a significant discount.

CityLink Study and Analysis

Council Member Jensen said CityLink was in the process of doing a study and analysis of their service. She said there would be public meetings seeking public input at the following times:

- Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the Fondulac Library in East Peoria
- Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Downtown Peoria Public Library
- Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Lakeview Branch Public Library

Cannabis Bill

Council Member Ali said, in light of the recent passing of the Cannabis Bill that made marijuana legal in the State of Illinois, it was important for the City to be proactive and not reactive with regards to that new law. She said there needed to be a plan in terms of compliance, law enforcement and economic opportunity.

City Manager Urich said Staff was researching the law to see what options were available for the City and potential implications for law enforcement and economic development. He said Staff would provide the Council with an update in the next month.